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BY "CLUG"

TIME TO TOSS 'EM

Basketball Season in Kansas Is
Getting Under Way.

Jayhawkers Open Season With
Ames Friday Night.

The collegiate basketball season in Kansas will get under way at full sail Friday night when the K. U. quintet opens its season in Robinson gymnasium with Ames as its opponent.

In all of the Kansas colleges candidates for the team have gotten down to hard work and by the latter part of next week all will have run up the curtain with a regular scheduled game. Among the more important games scheduled for the first of next week are the basketball games at Topeka Monday, Bethany against Baker at Baldwin Tuesday, and Kansas Wesleyan against the Kansas Argonauts at Manhattan Tuesday.

So far, Washburn's basketball strength seems to be an unknown quantity because of the lack of veteran players, but it is said that some of the new men promise to develop into star players, and the most optimistic followers of the school believe that Coach Gray will be able to get together a squad that will make things interesting for most of their opponents.

Aggies Look Good.

At Manhattan Johnny Bender is pulling a new stunt in basketball circles by appearing in a lecture course to the regular practice grind. And the Aggies, it is said, have better prospects this season than they have had in several years and have a good foundation for building up hopes of a valley championship.

The K. U. team that will open the season Friday is a very different looking squad to the one turned out last season, according to Coach W. O. Hamilton. Coach Hamilton has only two of his last year's veterans back, and either of these was a regular last season. But the Jayhawkers mentor says he is not losing sleep over the matter, as he has a large squad of new men at work and has some very promising material to pick from.

In anticipation of greater interest in the game, the K. U. authorities have built four large sections of reserved seats on the main floor of the gymnasium in addition to the regular accommodations, and it is estimated that more than twelve hundred spectators can easily be taken care of. K. U.'s next engagement after Ames will be with Nebraska at Lincoln on the 14-15.

Normal Is Strong.

At the Emporia Normal school prospects are unusually bright, says Coach "Bill" Hargies, and the State Teachers are out with a determination to win the championship. The Normal team in such a way that there will be no dispute over the matter. The Normal have several new men and for the team who were classed among the high school stars of the state last year.

Couch Shepherd, at Baker university, has all but two of his veterans back, and it is highly probable that he and his Baldwin quintet have the same intentions regarding the state championship that Hargies and his Teachers harbor. In fact, at this time it seems that the race for the conference title will very likely be between these two schools. Baker will open her schedule at home and the game against Bethany next Tuesday.

TO SETTLE IT TOMORROW.

Baseball Peace Committee Will Make
Walker Ruling on Pels.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 4.—The committee appointed at the recent meeting of the baseball peace conference to settle the dispute between the Federal and International leagues, will meet here Wednesday at noon. This decision was reached at a meeting of the members of the National Commission here Monday.

The committee is composed of President James A. Gilmore, of the Federal league, President Edward Barrows, of the International league, a representative of the Baltimore Federal league club, a representative of the Buffalo Federal league club, and the members of the national baseball commission. At the meeting here Monday various matters that have to do with the readjustment of baseball affairs to conform with the recent treaty of peace were discussed informally and other than the announcement that the date and place of the committee meeting had been fixed, no news of a definite character came from the meeting room.

Sinclair Won't Protect 'Em.

New York, Jan. 4.—"Harry Sinclair, owner of the Newark Federal league franchise, will not guarantee all Federal league contracts nor will he dispose of all the Federal league players," said James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal league. "There has been an erroneous opinion that Mr. Sinclair will guarantee the salaries of all Federal league players and it seems time for me to deny it. I have received many letters from Federal league players asking if it was so, that Sinclair had guaranteed their salaries and I replied it was not so. The only contracts Mr. Sinclair guarantees are those of the Newark club."

Dundee and Yeakum Matched.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 4.—Johnny Dundee and Stanley Yeakum of Denver have been matched to fight here before Jack Kanner's National C. January 22. The bout is to be over the twenty round route to a decision. The fight will take place as a winter feature to the Western Stock Show in this city. The weight is 135 pounds flingale.

Jim McGuire Gets the Can.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 4.—"Jim" McGuire, veteran catcher, who for several years has been employed by the Detroit baseball club as scout and coach, has been released by President Navin. His place will be taken by Billy Sullivan, former catcher, and one time manager of the Chicago Americans, who recently signed a Detroit contract.

Callahan Wants End Men.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—The Pittsburgh Nationals through Manager Callahan today opened negotiations for some of the players on the list of the Chicago National and Chicago Federals. Callahan said he wanted a pitcher, catcher, outfielder and infielder.

Sport Wheezes

—BY CLUG—

Fred Fulton's disappointment on losing his two Willard matches as viewed from front and rear by a neutral:

Full many a boob of purest brass
'er seen
This careless world is wont to
crown with fame;
Full many a dub of purest gall so
green.

Gets double crossed before he learns
the game.

But it looks like the loss of \$7,500
to Fulton means the gain of \$7,500
to Moran.

Probably President Zehrung of the
Western league would be able to hold
down his new job with less labor if
Tip O'Neill never turned the records
over to him.

Manager Marty Krug, Teutonic
leader of Pa. Rourke's Omahogs, is
scheduled to arrive in Omaha today to
help Pa. line up some new players for
this year.

According to the statements of both
Pa. and Krug, Left Fielder Smith is
the only player on the Omahog team
who is certain of his job when the
season opens, and every other player
will have to hustle to make the pay
check.

However Old Cyrene Forsyth and
one or two pitchers who did good
work last season are pretty certain to
stick.

That there may be some upsets in
the ring world this year was indicated
when Ritchie Mitchell outpointed
Featherweight Champion Kilbane in
Cincinnati on the first day of the
year. But Kilbane had been riding for
an upset for some time.

Because many jockeys in England
have enlisted and are fighting at the
front, says a news dispatch, it is ru-

mored that the racing authorities are
considering the advisability of ap-
pointing women riders.

Probably female mounts would do
much to bring back racing on this side
of the pond.

An eastern scribe says: "Careless
we take a chance and jot down here
that Walter Johnson was the best
pitcher coming from Coffeyville, Kan.,
in 1915. He might have said the
best pitcher coming from Kansas, but
it possibly would be unwise for him to
say such a thing to Joe Wood's
home folks."

Last Saturday the whole state of
Arkansas, including the City of Va-
pours, went dry. And now comes the
announcement that the Pittsburgh
Pirates will probably not train at Hot
Springs this season.

Commenting on odd names in base-
ball, the K. C. Journal pulls the fol-
lowing: Here are names of a few of
the players who came out of the
North Carolina League during the
1915 season: Barber, Cheek, Pork-
roney, Citrino, Butts, Bumb, Crow,
Shankensy, Gingers. That league had
some famous old names in it, too.
Among them may be noted Kelly,
Rowe, Brothers, Davis, Welch, Lowe,
Boyle, Ferris and Sweeney. Some
quaint names from the Western
League are Kefauver, Shestak, Yantz,
Eox, Hopp, Bills, Pate, Clunn and
Musser. Virginia League darlings are
Irmscher, Damrau, Goostree, Poh,
Clunk, Seracino, Booray, Efrid, Leake.

Having, it seems, milked dry every
other graft he could think of, Tod
Sloman, who was recently deported from
England and forced to come to his
native country, has written a history
of his own life. Tod was a great
jockey, but in everything else he has
been a failure. His book will probably
be the same.

To Which We Take an Oath.
Through the germ-embroidered ages
You can seize this as a tip—
"Better fifty years of smallpox
Than a fortnight with the grip";
Better fifty years in hellfire
Than a million devils goat—
Better fifty years of trench life
Than an ulcerated throat.

—By Grantland Rice.

There is no doubt but that several
good umpires will be looking for jobs
as the result of baseball peace. Like-
wise, there is no one to doubt that the
Western League needs good indicator
men. But the question is, can the

league afford to pay these men the
salary they will demand?

The willingness of Chas. P. Taft to
part with his Cubs will probably be
determined by the success he had on
his Texas hunting trip. If his luck
was poor he may decide that the Cubs
were his Jonah. And if it was good
he may think him his luck bringer.

National baseball commission began
its annual session. Captain T. L. Huston
of the New York Americans was
the only major leaguer present, other
than the members of the commission.
It became known here that the
matter regarding whether the former
Federal league players would be sub-
ject to the waiver rule had been in-
corporated in the peace treaty, but
that it had been omitted from the
copy that was signed. Just how the
question was originally decided could
not be ascertained, the announcement
being made by Chairman Herrmann of
the commission that it would be taken
up again and the whole subject
gone into thoroughly before any decision
would be reached. There were
no members of the Federal league
present today.

At the meeting it was learned that
Charles P. Taft, owner of the major-
ity of the stock of the Chicago Na-
tional league club, returned today
from a three weeks' hunting trip in
Texas. It is expected Charles Weegh-
man, former president of the Chicago
Federals, will come to this city later
in the week and make an effort to
purchase the Cubs from Mr. Taft.

Quenemo Horseshoe Pitching Cham-
pion Has a Remarkable Record.
Quenemo, Kan., Jan. 4.—E. D. Hol-
lingsworth, the local horseshoe pitcher
and champion of the world, has deeds
and not words upon which to base his
claims for the title. At the Kansas
City tournament December 22, when
Jackson refused to defend the title
against Pierce, Jackson stated that if
it was compulsory that he meet Pierce,
the Kansas City challenger, he would
turn his title over to Hollingsworth,
his partner, to save from Pierce.

An eleven game match was ar-
ranged and after Hollingsworth had
won the first six games the match was
over. In two of the games Pierce did
not score a point and the total score
showed 142 points for Hollingsworth
and 70 for Pierce. Last March Hol-
lingsworth went to Blue Mound to
meet Frank Johnson, the recognized
champion at that time, for a silver
loving cup which designated the win-
ner as the champion of the world.
Hollingsworth brought the cup home
with him and has it as proof of what
he claims.

In the tournament at Kansas City
last September when Jackson regained
the title, Hollingsworth won 21 out
of 25 games while Jackson won 24; but
Hollingsworth defeated Jackson in the
only game he lost. One game was
pitched against each entry. Hollings-
worth has never lost a match of any
number of games against any single
opponent. The only time he ever came
out as low as second was at Kansas
City in September when there were
26 entries and only one game was
pitched with each man.

Hollingsworth cuts several dollars' worth of meat at his butcher shop
every day, but is always ready to
throw a few ringers for practice and
for the entertainment of onlookers.

Fulton Will Fight Flynn.
New Orleans, Jan. 4.—The
announcement has been made by a local
fight promoter that Fred Fulton,
heavyweight, and Dan Flynn of Bos-
ton, both being matched for a twenty
round bout in New Orleans January
28.

New Orleans, Jan. 4.—The
Harvard football schedule of ten
games has been completed. The dates,
October 14 and 1, which were open
when the other games were announced
recently were taken respectively
by University of North Carolina and
Massachusetts Agricultural college.
The other teams which Harvard will
meet during the season beginning
September 23, are: Bates, Colby,
Tufts, Cornell, University of Virginia,
Princeton, Brown and Yale, the latter
game to be played this year at New
Harvard, November 25.

Checker Tourney Starts Today.
Wichita, Kan., Jan. 4.—The tenth
annual Kansas state checker tourney
started here this morning with Frank
C. Farmer, of this city, defending his
title as champion. About twenty-five
contestants were expected to compete.
Players from every section of the state
will attend. Election of officers for
1916 will be the first act of the
players.

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